(b) Not yet Sir.

(c) As on January, 1991, just over 18 million cubic meters of gas per day was being utilised in the country for fertilizer production.

(d) So far, allocation of 28.40 million cubic meters of natural gas per day has been made for the fertilizer sector.

(e) and (f). Proposals for doubling the capacity of existing plants at Vijaipur, Aonia and Jagdishpur to give an additional capacity of 21.78 lakh tonnes of urea per annum have been identified for the Eighth Five Year Plan. Four new plants are currently under implementation at Shahjahanpur (U.P.), Babrala (U.P.), Gadepan (Rajasthan) and Kakinada (A.P.) with a total capacity of 26.73 lakh tonnes capacity is contemplated in Krishna Godaveri basin. One Nitro-phosphate plant is under implementation in private sector. Possibilities for expanding capacity of phosphatic fertilizers by RCF, IFFCO, KRIBHCO etc. are also being explored.

Items Reserved for Small Scale Industries

3279. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the items reserved for production in the small scale and Cottage industries/units;

(b) whether there is any ban on the production of the same items by big companies and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether big companies are not limiting their production to the quantity sanctioned to them but are producing more quantities; and

(d) if so, the details of such companies and the action taken by the Government for violation of the licensing conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Items which have been reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector have been listed in schedule III of Notification No. S.O. 477 (E) published in Part II-Section 3-sub section (ii) of the Gazette of India Extraordinary on 25th July, 1991. At present 836 items are reserved for exclusive production in the small scale sector. The list of items is reviewed from time to time. There is no separate definition as such for cottage industries and no investment ceiling has been fixed for cottage industries.

(b) to (d). Once an item is reserved for exclusive development in the small scale sector, no medium/large scale undertakings are permitted to manufacture the said item except under the following conditions:

(i) Where existing medium/large industrial undertakings are manufacturing reserved items, they have to obtain a Carry-on-Business (COB) license to continue manufacture of such reserved items.

(ii) When small scale industrial undertakings graduate into medium/large scale undertakings, such undertakings have also to obtain a COB licence to enable them to continue manufacturing of reserved items.

(iii) In case large scale undertakings wish to take up manufacture of items reserved for small scale sector, their applications can be considered if they undertake an export obligation of a minimum of 75% of new of additional production to be achieved within a maximum period of three years.

Violation of the provisions under reservation policy is punishable under Section 24 of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 vide section 4 of the Amending Act of 1984. Specific instances of large scale units producing items reserved for small scale sector in excess of their licensed capacity brought to the notice of the Government are looked into and appropriate action is taken by Administrative Ministries/Departments concerned.

To look into the complaints of violation of reservation policy relating to encroachment, Govt. have constituted a Committee to check entry/expantion of large/medium scale units into areas reserved for small scale sector under the chairmanship of Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries).

[*Translation*]

Sugestions Re. Sick P.S.Us. by Scope

3280. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of suggestions given by the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) to the Government in respect of the sick industries; and

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No specific suggestion has been received from the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) in respect of sick industries.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Study by Nam Science and Technology Centre on Earthquake

3281. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NAM Science and Technology Centre, New Delhi have stated in their study that about 70 million houses are vulnerable to earthquakes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the corrective steps proposed in this regard?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The NAM Science and Technology Centre has not conducted any study regarding vulnerability of houses due to earthquakes.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Inspection of Foodgrains by Kendriya Bhandar

3282. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of wheat, rice etc. supplied to Kendriya Bhandar for distribution through ration shops is tested from time to time on the spot in Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). Food Corporation of India (FCI) supplies stocks of wheat, rice and sugar which conform to quality standards laid down in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA). Recipients of foodgrains